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# Shady Oaks Berry Farm

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*Sunnyvale*  
~~Saratoga~~, California

*"In the Foothills of the Santa Clara Valley"*

## A Word to Our Customers

Our Location is at Saratoga, home of the Blossom Festival, in the foothills of the Santa Cruz mountains.

We are on the main street of Saratoga, on the car line, and less than a quarter of a mile from the postoffice. Visitors are always welcome. Saratoga is 50 miles from San Francisco, 4 miles from Los Gatos, 29 miles from Santa Cruz and 10 miles from San Jose, with good highways leading to all these points.

Our Nursery Stock consists of berry and small fruit plants only. We make a specialty of this line to the exclusion of all others and being berry growers and shippers we are constantly on the lookout to improve the bearing qualities of our stock and to obtain new varieties of merit. With many nurseries, berries are a sideline often bought at random from different growers without regard to their merits or productivity. Not so with us. We are building a business and a reputation on berry and small fruit plants and whether you want a few plants for the home garden or stock for a large commercial planting, it is our aim to furnish you with strong healthy stock, clean and true to name, that will grow and give satisfaction.

Our Terms are cash with order. If desired we will send plants C. O. D. when one-fourth the amount is enclosed with the order. When plants are to be sent by mail add 5% to the amount of the order for postage. Plants are carefully packed and will arrive in good condition anywhere in the United States.

Shipping Season. The majority of the plants listed in this catalog will be ready for delivery about the

middle of December, but we suggest that you place your orders as early as possible to avoid delay and possible disappointment. Five plants of any one variety will be sold at the ten rate, 50 at the 100 rate and 500 at the 1,000 rate.

## Strawberries

**Banner.** The Banner Strawberry is the leading berry in Central California. It is a fine shipper and keeper for the commercial grower and a fine flavored berry as well which makes it equally desirable for the home garden. We sell the genuine Banner.

10 plants, 35c.      25 plants, 75c.      \$2.50 per 100

Write for prices on larger quantities.

**Progressive Everbearing Strawberry.** This is a wonderful strawberry and one which we recommend for the home garden or for commercial planting when the market to be supplied is close at hand. We have not yet tried shipping it to distant markets as it seems inclined to be a little soft when fully ripe. However, we intend trying it out on a large scale next season as we believe if care is exercised in picking that it can be successfully shipped to distant markets. The berry is of fine flavor and good color.

The plant is hardy and vigorous and does well on almost any soil. Unlike most strawberries the runners that are thrown out by the parent plant begin bearing the first season as soon as they have taken root and we have even had them produce berries before any root had formed.

**Culture of Everbearing Strawberries.** To get the best results the first year pinch off all blossoms that appear in early spring and sacrifice your early berries to get a vigorous plant growth; you will be well repaid for it later. Let only three or four new plants grow from each parent plant, root these carefully and pinch off the first blossoms that appear on them. Keep the plants well watered, weeded and cultivated and by midsummer you will be picking fine juicy berries and will keep on picking into November. The second season your Progressives will be the earliest and the latest berries on your table. 10 plants, 50c; 25, \$1.00; \$3.50 per 100; \$20 per 1,000

## Raspberries

People in California are just commencing to realize the possibilities in the production of raspberries. They always bring the highest prices of any berry on the market and are in demand by the canners for jams, preserves, juices, extracts, etc. The cultivation is easy, horse drawn implements being employed almost entirely and the picking has not the disagreeable back-breaking features of strawberry culture. Raspberries do well on almost any soil, and adapt themselves to a great variety of conditions.

We have made a specialty of raspberries and offer a large assortment containing all the best known varieties and many novelties, in red, black and yellow raspberries.

## RED VARIETIES

### Ranere (sometimes spelled Ranaree)

The leading commercial raspberry and the one which we recommend most strongly. It is three weeks earlier than any other variety and more prolific than any. It bears continuously from May until frost. Here at Saratoga we have had ripe berries until Christmas and the quantity of berries these plants will bear in a season is almost beyond belief. Ranere is a fine flavored berry, large enough to bring the highest prices and so firm that it is now being shipped in refrigerator cars to the Eastern markets.

This raspberry begins bearing in July the first year and keeps on bearing until late Fall. By planting early Spring vegetables between your berry rows a good income can be made from your land the first year. Rows are spaced 7 feet apart and the plants 2 to 3 feet apart in the rows. This method of planting requires 2,000 to 3,000 plants to the acre.

Prices: 10 plants, \$1.00; 25, \$1.50; \$5.00 per 100.

Extra large, 2-year-old transplants at 25c each; 10, \$2.00; 25, \$4.00.

NOTE—We raise the Ranere Raspberry in very large quantities and are in a position to furnish plants for large acreage. If you intend planting 500 plants or more write us for special prices stating the number desired.

### St. Regis Raspberry

This berry is identical with Ranere. We have tried out the two berries side by side and know of many others who have done the same thing. All agree that they are the same berry under different names. As additional proof of this fact see Farmers' Bulletin 1242, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Page 9.

Cuthbert has for many years been the leading red raspberry. It is still extensively grown in the Eastern states and in Oregon and Washington, but as a commercial berry it is not equal to the Ranere which is rapidly taking its place. The canes grow to a large size and produce an abundance of fine berries which many people consider the finest flavored of all the raspberries.

10 plants, 75c      100, \$5.00

Superlative, a very large, sweet, juicy berry of delicious flavor. The berries are much larger than either Ranere or Cuthbert but are too soft and juicy to ship. This berry originated in England and will do well in a cold, foggy climate. We have customers in San Francisco who have planted it in sheltered backyards and they report that it bears well and develops a full rich flavor.

10 plants \$1.00      \$7.50 per 100



**Erskine Park**, a new raspberry which has become very popular in the Eastern States and which is claimed by some nurserymen to be a better berry than Ranere. It is everbearing but not as early as Ranere. The berries are large, conical in shape, bright red in color and borne in long clusters or racemes along the full length of the cane. In flavor it is unlike any other raspberry, having a rich tart flavor that is distinctly its own. Made into jam or preserves it has a higher color and flavor than any berry we have tried.

Plants, 25c each.      10 for \$2.00.

**La France**—A new raspberry, larger than any other variety and recently put on the market by a New York firm who charged \$2.00 per plant when it first came out. We have good strong plants at 75c each, 10 for \$5.00, \$40.00 per 100 and positively guaranteed to be the genuine La France. The following is the originator's description of the berry—we have fruited it and think it has a wonderful future.

“La France, the new giant everbearing red raspberry. This is the largest raspberry ever produced, many of the berries actually measuring one inch in diameter. The plant often grows to a height of 9 feet and is a prodigious bearer of delicious berries from July until frost has killed all vegetation. It bears well the first season planted.

“La France has been awarded medals and certificates of merit by the Horticultural Society of New York, Connecticut Horticultural Society, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and others too numerous to mention. It is planted and producing in the gardens of all the large estates whose owners demand the best, including John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Henry Ford, William Waldorf Astor, and many others.”

#### **Black Raspberry “Honeysweet”**

The world's greatest “black cap.” The fruit, which ripens in July and literally covers the bushes is large, glossy black, and has the most delicious flavor you ever tasted. Its sweetness and flavor suggested its name. Set out a few plants this season and you will have something that cannot be bought in the stores, for the black raspberry has not yet found its way to the California markets. We predict that it will very soon however and when it does Honeysweet will be extensively planted for the market.

Tip plants	15c each	10, \$1.00	\$8.00 per 100
Strong transplants	25c each	10, \$2.00	\$15.00 per 100

We recommend the transplants. They will fruit some the first year and make a much more vigorous growth for the second season's crop.

#### **Purple Raspberry “Columbian”**

The bushes are nearly thornless, are very vigorous and productive and will thrive in locations and soils where other raspberries fail. The berries are large

and well flavored but we do not advise planting beyond home requirements as they are not yet recognized as a market berry in the West.

Tips	15c each	10, \$1.00	\$7.50 per 100
Transplants	25c each	10, \$2.00	

### **Yellow Raspberry "Golden Queen"**

A beautiful yellow berry resembling Cuthbert in everything except color, and said to have originated as a seedling of the Cuthbert. It is a fine flavored berry and presents a beautiful appearance when served with the black or red varieties. For home gardens.

Prices: Each, 25c 10, \$2.00 100, \$15.00

## **Loganberries**

The Red Logan is the wonder berry of California where it originated. Said to be a cross between the raspberry and blackberry it has some of the characteristics of each, but a flavor distinctly its own; and that flavor cannot be surpassed when you pick them fully ripened from your own vines.

For the benefit of those who may not be familiar with the Logan we offer the following brief description—Berries bright red, darkening to maroon as the berry becomes fully ripe; vines of a vigorous trailing habit requiring wires or trellises for support; bearing qualities simply marvelous when proper care is given. Ripens early and the crop lasts over a fairly long season. A very desirable addition to the home collection and extensively grown commercially being in demand for jams, jellies and juices.

We offer strong, well-rooted tips from very heavy bearing stock at

15c each, 10 for \$1.00 \$7.50 per 100

Extra large transplants at 25c each, 10 for \$2.00

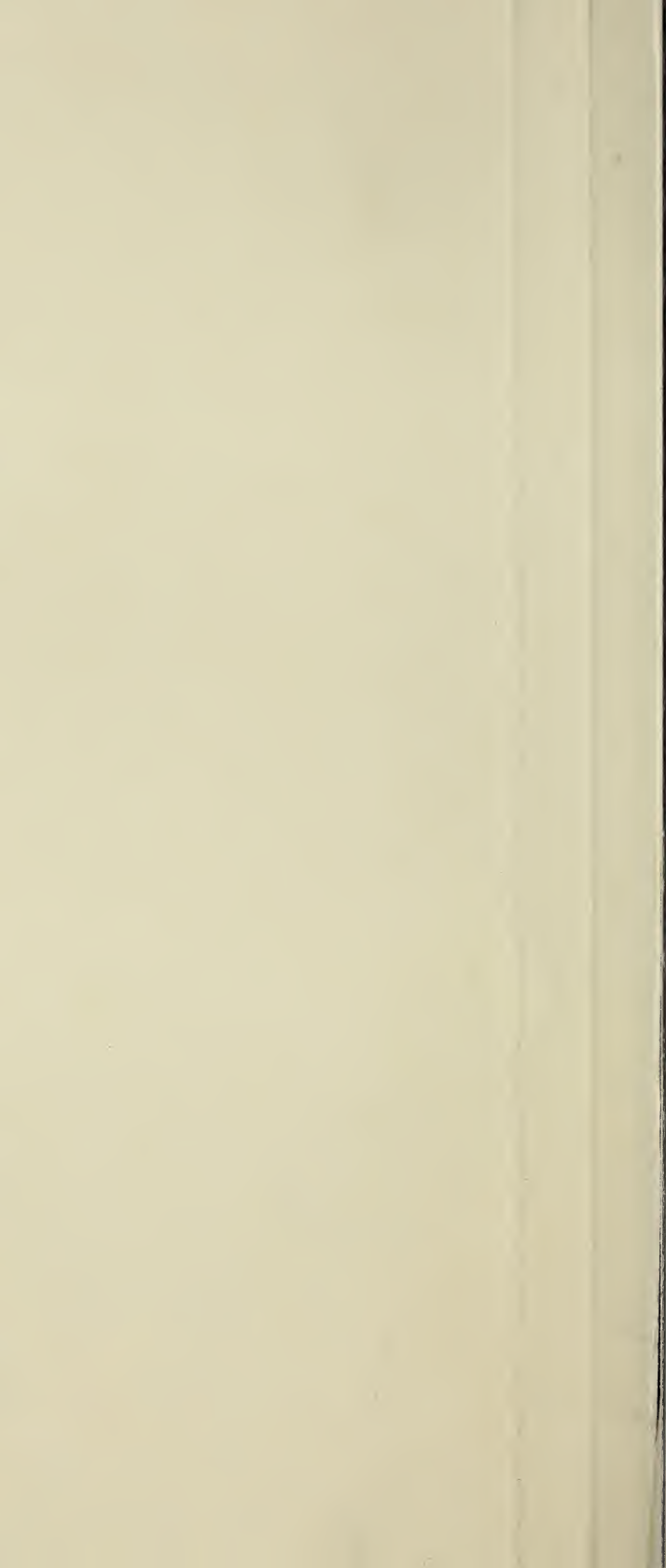
"Black Logan" is the name often applied to the Mammoth Blackberry which was crossed with the Cuthbert Raspberry to produce the Hybrid Red Logan. This berry is described and priced among the blackberries.

"Phenomenal Berry," an improved Logan, larger, richer in flavor, and as heavy if not a heavier yielder. Strong tip plants, Each, 15c; 10, \$1.25; 100, \$10.00

## **Blackberries**

Nearly everyone likes the rich, juicy flavor of blackberries, either eaten fresh or made into pies, jams, jellies, etc. and luckily for the home gardener they thrive in almost any soil, and bear heavy crops with very little attention. The following varieties we recommend.

**Cory Thornless**—the earliest and largest blackberry ever produced. Firm, sweet and rich in flavor in which it resembles the wild blackberry. The berries often measure 1½ to 2 inches in length and grow in clusters on canes absolutely free from the disagreeable thorns of other blackberries. Please do not confuse the Cory Thornless with other varieties of "thornless" blackberries which have





proven to be dry, seedy and almost as free from berries as they are of thorns. We have yet to find a person who has a good word for any except the Cory Thornless.

Prices: 25c ea.; 10, \$1.50; 100, \$12.50; 1,000, \$100

**Mammoth Blackberry**—A very juicy berry of large size and a standard with home gardeners and commercial growers. Sometimes called the "Black Logan" and marketed under that name.

Plants, 20c each: 10, \$1.00; 100, \$7.50

**Himalaya Giant**—A good reliable Blackberry of delicious sweetness when allowed to become fully ripe. Is a very strong grower, 20 to 30 feet in one season being not uncommon. Fine for covering fences and for growing on trellises and arbors as the bearing wood does not die each year and have to be cut away like other Blackberries.

Prices: 15c each; 10, \$1.00; \$7.50 per 100

## Gooseberries and Currants

No garden is complete without a few of these plants. The culture is not difficult. Send to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. for Farmers' Bulletin 1024 on Currants and Gooseberries.

### Red Currants

**Cherry and Fays' Prolific**—Cherry is the largest red currant, being almost as large as a grape. The Fays' Prolific is the leading market variety, smaller than the Cherry but a very heavy producer.

### Black Currants

**Lee's Prolific and Boskoop Giant**—These two varieties come to us highly recommended but as we have not yet fruited them on our own grounds we cannot offer a first-hand description. Our stock, however, has been chosen from one of the best plantations in the State and we do not hesitate to recommend them to our own customers.

Prices: 25c each; 10, \$2.00; 100, \$15.00

### Gooseberries

**Oregon Champion and Houghton**, two leading varieties grown commercially and in the garden.

25c each; 10, \$2.00; \$15.00 per 100

## Grape Vines

Best one-year rooted plants in the following varieties:

Isabella, White Muscat, Black Muscat, Tokay, Thompson Seedless.

Each 15c; 10, \$1.25

**Genuine Eastern Concord**—Cuttings were taken from one of the best Eastern vineyards.

25c each; 10, \$2.00

## Asparagus Roots

Standard varieties—two-year-old strong roots at 10 for 35c; \$2.00 per 100

**Washington (Rust Proof)**—10 for 50c; \$3 per 100

## Rhubarb or Pie Plant

Easy to grow and very welcome in the winter months when other fruit is scarce. In demand commercially and a profitable crop to grow for the market. Farmers' Bulletin 1242 U. S. Dept. Agriculture describes the culture of this crop.

**Wagner's Giant Crimson Winter**—The leading commercial variety, large bright red and of fine texture and flavor. Our original stock was secured direct from the originator, J. B. Wagner.

Strong root subdivisions at

25c each; 10, \$2.00; \$10.00 per 100

**Strawberry or Lorenzo**—We have had many customers who preferred this variety although it is much smaller than Wagner's Giant and not so early. It is very sweet and delicious and perhaps that and its bright strawberry color accounts for its popularity.

15c each; 10, \$1.00; 100, \$6.00

## Artichokes

The famous French Green Globe of the Half Moon Bay district. Be sure and set out a few plants as there is no more delicious vegetable than the artichoke.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00

Los Altos, Cal., Feb. 20, 1922

Shady Oaks Berry Farm,  
Saratoga, California.

Gentlemen:

I received the Honeysweet Black Raspberry plants today. You certainly sent me a fine lot of plants.

Yours truly,

C. M.

Ashland, Oregon, Aug. 28, 1922

Mr. Kurtz: Regarding the plants that I got from you. Have to say they are growing fine and nearly all lived (thanks to your good packing) especially the La France—they have borne some fine berries. The Ranere plants I got from you are loaded. At your leisure I wish you would quote price on La France and Honeysweet by the hundred.

Yours truly,

D.P.B.

## Our Motto

is "Good Nursery Stock at Fair Prices." Poor stock is dear at any price and good plants cannot be sold at a "junk" price any more than good groceries or other merchandise. We could fill the rest of this folder with testimonials from satisfied customers of the past few years. Instead we will fill it with a few pointers for the beginner.

Berry plants need good soil, care and water. Don't plant more than you can care for properly. One acre well cared for and producing its maximum is more profitable than two acres overrun with weeds and dying for lack of water and cultivation.

Don't crowd your plants. Read the State and Government bulletins and observe the practices of successful growers in planting.

All of the varieties listed in this catalog are good, and are desirable varieties in their proper place. But if you intend going into the berry business commercially choose commercial varieties for which a market exists. For instance don't plant an acre of black or yellow raspberries and expect to put them on the market and sell them. There is a market for the reds but not yet for the others. If you are going to ship, select varieties that will stand shipment.

When plants are received, unpack them at once and if possible plant them immediately. If for any reason they cannot be planted at once heel them in—that is bury the roots—in moist soil in a cool shady place making sure that every part of the roots is completely covered by finely pulverized soil. Keep moist until planted. Planting is an art in itself. Treat each plant as if that were the only one you had and you wanted it to grow. You will find it pays. When the plants are young they need the most care and that is the time to build up good strong frameworks for the next season's crop.

If you get any stock from us that is not entirely satisfactory to you for any reason whatever let us know and we will be glad to adjust any reasonable claims. If we can be of any service to you at any time we are always glad to help. Call on us or write.

About overhead irrigation for berries. We use this system on part of our grounds and have found it highly satisfactory.

Write to U. S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Publications, Washington, D. C. for the following bulletins, they are free and contain much valuable information:

No. 643 Blackberry Culture

No. 887 Raspberry Culture

No. 901 Everbearing Strawberries

No. 1024 Currants and Gooseberries

No. 1027 Strawberry Culture, West. United States

No. 1044 The City Home Garden

No. 1242 Permanent Fruit and Vegetable Gardens

Also write to the University of California, College of Agriculture, Berkeley, California, for

Circular No. 164—Small Fruit Culture in Calif.

Circular No. 154—Irrigation of Small Fruits in California.

## Fruit Trees and Ornaments

We often have inquiries from customers for such stock. We do not raise anything but berries and small fruits, but can supply fruit trees or ornamentals from a reliable nursery which is well-known for the quality of its trees and shrubs. Prices on application.

Yours for a Successful Season,

SHADY OAKS BERRY FARM,

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Saratoga, California

